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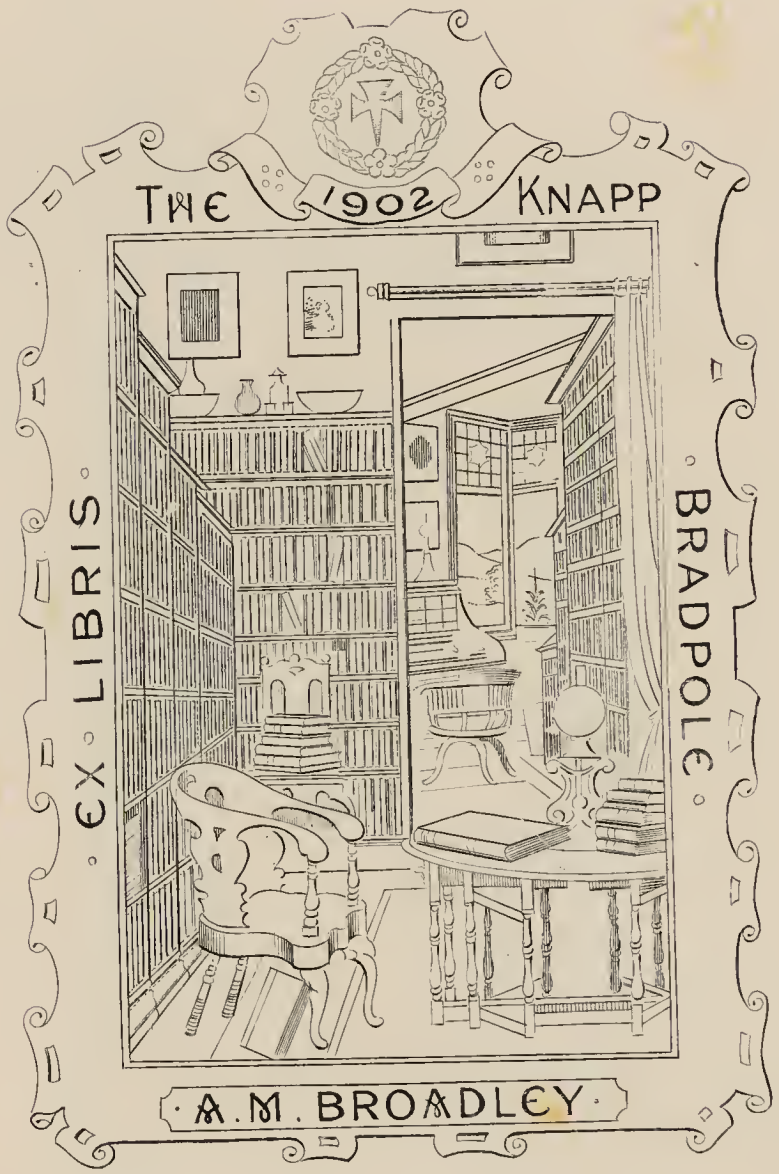

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Wilt thou be made Whole?

OR, THE

VIRTUES and EFFICACY

OF THE

WATER of *GLASTONBURY*

In the County of SOMERSET.

ILLUSTRATED

In above Twenty remarkable Cases faithfully described, of Persons who by the Use of that Water have been cured of Disorders of the most obstinate and deplorable Kinds: Such as the ASTHMA, RHEUMATISM, DROPSY, KING'S EVIL, DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, WENS, CANCERS, ULCERS, OLD SWELLINGS, LEPROSY, *&c.*

These CASES, being but a few out of a vast Number and Variety that may be collected, are certain Facts, and fairly proved, either by the Affidavits and Hand Writing or Marks of the Persons cured, taken in the Presence of sensible honest People, who knew them and their Cases both before and after their Cure; or by the Attestations of the Ministers and Church-Wardens of their respective Parishes; or by credible and impartial Witnesses, living in Parts too remote from *Glastonbury*, to have any Connexion with the private Interests of that Place, that should in any Sense weaken the Sufficiency of their Testimony.

To which is prefixed a Letter of an ingenious and sensible Clergyman, taken from the *Sherbourn* and *Yeovil* Mercury of the 29th of *April* last.

Collected by an Inhabitant of *Bath*.

Are not Abana *and* Pharpar *Rivers of* Damascus, *better than all the Waters of* Israel? *May I not wash in them and be clean? And he turned and went away in a Rage.* 2 Kings, v. 12.

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TO THE READER.

THE ſtrict Truth of the following Caſes, is all I think my ſelf any way concern'd in; and I preſume I have eſtabliſhed that, in a Manner that will hardly be doubted by the Generality of my ſober Readers; ſince with the Accounts of the Diſorders and Cures, the Names of the Perſons, their Pariſhes, the Places of their Abode, and other plain Marks are given, by which any candid Enquirer, only by taking a little Trouble, may be fully ſatisfied in every Particular. This ſeems to be fair dealing. Beſides, the Things recounted were not done in a Corner, in the Dark, but in the Face of Day, and to the Knowledge of many.

It happens nevertheleſs, that ſome, poſſibly to appear Wiſer than their Neighbours, and frighten'd at the very Shadow of the Imputation of an IMPLICIT FAITH, *ſeem to pique themſelves upon the Affectation of liſting in the oppoſite worſe Extreme of* IMPLICIT INCREDULITY, *imagining this Humour, with the uſual Flow of quibbling Objections and queint Conceits that attend it, ought to paſs for fine Parts, and more than ordinary Penetration; eſpecially as it happens ſo much the Taſte of the Times, and one of the chief Accompliſhments aimed at, to diſtinguiſh the better Sort of People (as they are called) from the Herd of Mankind.*

Some of this Species of ſmart Gentry, without farther Examination, tell us, that all theſe extraordinary Reports about the Glaſtonbury *Water are meer Vulgar Stuff, old Wives Stories, Nonſenſe, and what not? For, ſay they, It is only the Rabble who are the conſtant Dupes of Error and Illuſion, and*

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the Inhabitants of Glaſtonbury, *who find their Account in it, that Countenance and propagate thoſe idle Tales.*

Well, be it ſo: But the Queſtion is not about Accounts, Intereſts or Opinions, but Fact; and Fact, as to Truth or Falſhood, is inflexible. It will not bow the Knee to the Baal of any Opinion or Hypotheſis whatſoever. Neither Suppoſitions, or Prejudices, or Intereſt, or Incredulity, will ever change it; and Truth is as true of a Beggar as an Emperor.

But admitting it were ſo, that none but poor ignorant or middling People have concern'd themſelves about that Water, (and yet Perſons of Senſe and Property have applied there for a Cure, and obtained it) what then? Muſt I therefore, or any other plain Man who has ſeen a wretched Object that for a conſiderable Time together had conſulted Phyſick and Surgery, had been turned over from Hoſpital to Hoſpital without the leaſt Relief, a miſerable helpleſs Cripple,

Cripple, and deemed incurable by every Body, ſhould I, after all this, ſee this ſame Perſon, only by uſing that Water five or ſix Weeks, healed of her Sores, reſtored to Health and Spirits, and able to walk without Crutches! Muſt I not, I ſay, believe my own Eyes, becauſe this is a poor Woman? Or muſt I doubt of what I ſee and feel, becauſe one of theſe Theoriſts, who perhaps had never heard of it before, aſſures me with great Confidence, that it is not ſo; That it could not be ſo, in the Nature of Things; That Cauſes muſt be proportionable to their Effects; That the ſlight Application of ſo incompetent an Agent could never effect ſo great a Cure; That there is ſome Juggle or Fallacy at Bottom; That Identity and Diverſity are Points not altogether ſettled; That the Motives of Credibility are inadequate; The Laws of Aſſent many, and not ſufficiently attended to; and the eternal Reaſons and moral Fitneſſes of Things, beyond the Compre-

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henſion of Vulgar Underſtandings; with a Hundred more Aſſertions and Reaſons of equal Weight and Value.

But let Cauſes and Effects be related to one another how they will, and Hypotheſiſes be multiplied without End; ſtill, methinks, I can be much ſurer of what my own Eyes ſee, and my own Senſes find, to be Matter of Fact, than I can be that it is not ſo, from all the Quillets and Wranglings and Refinements of any Philoſophy whatſoever; beſides, if inſtead of one Inſtance like that juſt now given, there ſhould be a great many full as ſurprizing, and all well proved; and that the Senſes of Numbers of other ſober plain Men find them exactly as mine find them, Where is the Room for Doubt or Debate on any Hand? Is not the plain undebauched COMMON SENSE *of Mankind juſt as God gave it, more to be relied on in ſuch Caſes, and indeed in all Caſes, than the depraved, topſy-turvy, artificial,* UNCOMMON SENSE *of*

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ſuch Speculatiſts? A Sett of Self-approving Quibblers, who ſeem ſo little aware of the general Inſufficience of human Abilities for certain Enquiries; and ſo ignorant of their own Ignorance, they imagine they are able to cope with every Thing; and at every Turn tell us what God has done, or ought to have done, with as little Heſitation, as if they had been of his Cabinet Council from all Eternity! But let theſe Maſters pleaſe to remember what the Almighty ſays to Job; *as ſenſible a Sort of Man I doubt, and as deep in the Secrets of Providence as any of the Minute Philoſophers; Let them I ſay remember this Queſtion;* Who is this that darkeneth Council by Words without Knowledge? *Job* xxxii. 2.

Certainly ſome remoter Ages have here and there furniſhed Examples of this Sort of choice Spirits, who think it beneath the Dignity of their finer Underſtandings either to think or believe

lieve like the common Maſs of Mankind: It is even ſaid, this Affectation was carried ſo far, that ſome have pretended to doubt of their own Exiſtence; but it has been the Caſe only of a few among the politer Heathens. It was never the Faſhion; the avowed Mode of Profeſſion any where till of late. That indeed is altogether new; but to have it the current Taſte and Turn of any Chriſtian Country; of almoſt a whole People who call themſelves Chriſtians, is both new and amazing!

Let us look but a few Centuries back, and we ſhall find Piety, Simplicity of Heart, good Nature, Hoſpitality and Bravery, were the Characteriſtics of the Engliſh *Nation; but whether, in our happy Days of more Light and Liberty, it appears, we have improved or impaired, preſerved or loſt thoſe Talents, muſt be left to the Determination of better Judges.*

I muſt not however, conclude, without remarking, that as the IMPLICIT *Unbelievers drive Things to a ſtrange Length, one Way; There are, who ſeem to lean a great deal too much the other; Aſcribing the Cures done at* Glaſtonbury, *not to any meer Mineral or Medical Virtues in the Water; but to certain delegated, miraculous Powers of I know not what, Saints and Martyrs long ago dead; and they even rake up the Aſhes of the Prophet* Eliſha (2 Kings xiii. 21.) *to countenance this Deluſion. Charity ſhould make us wiſh them in a better Road; But it is to be feared they are incurable, or Dr.* Middleton *had, ſurely by this Time, cured them of the Malady of believing modern Miracles; or indeed any Miracles at all.*

Before I quit, let me beg Leave to obſerve of Water-drinking Places in general; That the Tendency of the Reports and Opinions of their Inhabitants, of any Waters but their own, may,

may, without any great Skill in the Occult Sciences, be pretty eaſily fore-told; And as to the Phyſicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries, I doubt, their kind Opinion is ſcarcely to be hoped for on Occaſions of this Nature.

What I here chiefly aim at is, that People may neither be brazened, or quibbled, or laughed out of the Bleſſings, our all beneficent Creator has been graciouſly pleaſed to lay before them. What? Though this Water may not be found to anſwer perhaps in every Diſorder, and every Conſtitution; Still there have been already ſuch Things done by uſing it, Things ſo far exceeding all Expectation and human Probability, that no one, be their Condition almoſt ever ſo deplorable, ought to deſpair, 'till they have firſt tried it; and may every one that tries, ſucceed; and be thankful; always remembering whence the Bounty flows; and who it was that ſaid;

Were there not Ten Cleanſed? but where are the Nine? There are not found that returned to give Glory to GOD, ſave this Stranger. *Luke* xvii. 17, 18.

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THE VIRTUES and EFFICACY OF THE WATER of *GLASTONBURY*.

ON Hearing many extraordinary Things of the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, and having a Child afflicted with the *King's Evil*, I went thither on *Tueſday* the 28th of *May* laſt, to try if I could find any that had been cured there of that Diſorder. I found a vaſt Number of People in various Conditions; of whom, ſome told me they were cured, but would nevertheleſs tarry the

the Seven *Sundays*, which is the uſual Way there; and others that were much better, and waiting in Hopes of being perfectly well: But on hearing of a Girl about a Mile from *Glaſtonbury*, that was perfectly cured of the *King's Evil*, I went to her Father's Houſe the next Day, that I might be aſſured of its Reality by Ocular Demonſtration, where I ſaw the Girl, and took the Particulars of her Caſe in Writing as follow.

CASE I.

ELeanor the Daughter of *Ralph Rogers*, of *Street* in the County of *Somerſet*, Victualler, about 15 Years old, hath for 14 Years paſt been afflicted with the *King's Evil*, in ſo terrible a Manner, that ſhe hath not been able to move one of her Legs for a Year together, and had one of her Fingers cut off. She was

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an Out-Patient of St. *George*'s Hoſpital for about Three Months, about eight Years ago. She remained in a miſerable Condition till about 10 Weeks ago, when ſhe began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Bathing and Drinking every Day (except hinder'd by bad Weather) by Means whereof, all her Wounds are now perfectly heal'd; ſhe can walk near as well as any of her Age, and is now in a very good State of Health.

This is a true Account of my Caſe, as witneſs my Hand this 29th of *May* 1751.

The Mark of *Eleanor* + *Rogers.*

This Eleanor Rogers *is my Child; I declare this to be her Caſe, and truly ſtated; as witneſs my Hand this 9th of* June 1751.

Ralph Rogers.

In the Preſence of *William Parſons*, a Farmer of *Elton* in this County.

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CASE II.

JAMES *Evans*, Barber, in *Wells*, about 61 Years old, hath for more than 26 Years paſt been afflicted with Swellings, and about 20 Wounds in both his Legs; and with the *Rheumatiſm* in ſo grievous a Manner, more than 20 Years, that at Times he hath with Difficulty moved in his Bed; and with the *Aſthma*, that he breathed with great Difficulty. He hath been under the Care of People in the Way of Phyſick and Surgery, but found no Relief. About nine Weeks ago he began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Bathing and Drinking, which he continued till about a Week paſt. He began to mend in about a Fortnight after the firſt Uſe of it, and is now perfectly recovered of all his Diſorders,

Diſorders, and in a very good State of Health.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 31ſt of *May* 1751.

The Mark of *James* + *Evans.*

June 1, 1751. *Sworn before me*
Samuel Hill.

N. B. *This Gentleman is a Canon Reſidentiary of the Cathedral Church of* Wells, *and one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Somerſet.

CASE III.

JOHN *Redwood*, about ſeven Years old, hath been for three Years paſt afflicted with the *King's Evil*; after having tried all Means that could be thought of, and been terribly cut, he about nine Weeks ago began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, and,

by Drinking and Waſhing there, is now perfectly well.

The above *John Redwood* being my Siſter's Child, is under my Care; and I do declare the above to be a true State of his Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 31ſt of *May* 1751. *Tho. Bartlet.*

N. B. *This* Thomas Bartlet *is a Hatter in* Wells, *and lives in very good Repute.*

CASE IV.

Robert Savage, of *Predy* in the County of *Somerſet*, Gentleman, hath more than ſeven Years paſt been afflicted with a hard Swelling, which he thought a *Wen*, on the Outſide the Thigh, near as big as a Wall-nut, which ſlipt from Place to Place, between his Hip and Knee. That on *Sunday* the 28th of *April* laſt, he began to drink of *Glaſtonbury* WATER, and waſh'd his Thigh all over, and

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continued four ſeveral *Sundays*. After the ſecond Application he found Relief, is now quite free from Pain, has not the leaſt Appearance of the ſaid *Wen*, and is as well as ever in his Life.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 1ſt of *June* 1751.

Robert Savage.

Signed in the Preſence of
Ezekiel Evans, Apparator at *Wells*.

CASE V.

MARY the Wife of *William Creaſe*, of *Greenore Houſes*, Miner, three Miles from *Wells*, between that and *Chewton Mendip*, in *Somerſetſhire*, about 40 Years old; after a Lying-in ſhe had about three Years paſt, either by a Cold, or ſome hurt

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received, got a ſore Breaſt, that by Degrees, and after a conſiderable Time, ſwelled and hardened greatly, till it broke, and was ſo exceſſively tender and painful, that ſhe could hardly bear even her Cloaths to touch it. It pained her greatly both inwardly and outwardly, looked of a livid Colour, and was then immoveable. Thus it was about Half a Year ago, and grew much worſe afterwards, when ſhe took Advice upon it. In this Condition ſhe was with great Difficulty and in Torture removed to *Glaſtonbury*; ſhe drank of the Waters, waſhed her Breaſt with it, and took ſome of the Water home with her, which ſhe warm'd and applied to her Breaſt almoſt daily. She had ſome ſmall Matter of Eaſe from her Pain, but no other Change till the fourth *Sunday*, that the Breaſt began to ſoften and leſſen, and thenceforward mended conſiderably. She is now very chearful, and in Hopes

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from this great Amendment of being quite well ſoon.

This a true State of my Caſe, as Witneſs my Hand this 10th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Mary* + *Creaſe.*

Witneſs, *Charles Payne*, of *Chewton-Mendip.*

This Mary Creaſe, *is a Pariſhioner of mine, I have heard of her Caſe, and believe this Account of it to be true.*

J. Taſwell, *Vicar.*

CASE VI.

CHarity the Wife of *John Bull*, of *Chewton-Mendip*, in the County of *Somerſet*, four Miles diſtant from *Wells*, and about ten from *Glaſtonbury*, aged 48. She had the *Small-Pox* when a young Woman, and to take off a Redneſs it left in her Face, ſhe dipped her Head in cold Water

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two or three Times a Day for a whole Summer; the Conſequence was, that ſhe got a ſevere Pain in her Head and Jaws, loſt moſt of her Teeth, became ſhort breathed, and grew Deaf of her Right Ear; thus ſhe continued more or leſs indiſpoſed, and in Pain all along, but for the laſt 15 Years ſhe paſs'd ſcarcely a Week that ſhe had not Pains and Shootings in her Head to ſuch a Degree, that ſhe often wiſhed her ſelf out of the World; and the laſt three Years it was (if poſſible) yet worſe, and more frequent, having at the ſame Time gradually almoſt loſt the Sight of her Left Eye, ſo as not to be able to diſcern a Letter in a Book, or any other Object but dimly, and ſhe was now quite Deaf of her Right Ear. About ſeven Years ago ſhe began to grow ſo ſhort breathed, that upon the leaſt Motion ſhe was obliged to reſt herſelf at every Turn; was ſeized with Aſthmatick Fits at Night in Bed, and could not go any little

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Diſtance from Home but on Horſe-back. She was about *Chriſtmas* laſt ſeized with a continual Pain in her Right Shoulder, that made her paſs her Days and Nights as upon the Rack, and almoſt took away the Uſe of that Arm. Thus on all Sides beſet with Aſthma, Weakneſs, Blindneſs, Deafneſs, and Pain intolerable, and wiſhing for Death every Moment, a Neighbour of her's, one *Samuel Smyth*, of the Pariſh of *Chewton*, who had himſelf been Aſthmatick for above nine Years, and for the laſt Winter ſo helpleſs, and much ſwelled, as not to be able to do any Manner of Buſineſs; but by drinking a Glaſs of *Glaſtonbury* WATER every *Sunday* Morning faſting for five *Sundays* (and the Water brought to his Houſe) was in every Senſe relieved, and then ſo much better, that he did not Doubt of being as well as ever, by the Time his ſeventh *Sunday* was expir'd, which is a Rule obſerv'd; whereon this Far-

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mer *Smyth* adviſed her to try thoſe Waters, and ſhe did; but for the firſt three *Sundays* drinking, found little Benefit, except a ſmall Amendment in Point of Appetite, the leaſt of which ſhe had been long before an utter Stranger to: The *Friday* of her fourth Week's drinking, ſhe began to ſee pretty plainly with her Left Eye, grew eaſier of all her Pains, but that deaf Ear pain'd her in ſome odd new Manner, her breathing grew quite eaſy, and ſhe ſlept well; and after the fifth *Sunday* could walk better and farther than ſhe had been able to do theſe twenty Years.

June 10, 1751.

This is a true Account of her Caſe as taken from her own Mouth, and ſhe is heartier, has more Appetite, and better Spirits, than ſhe had for theſe thirty Years paſt; ſhe is quite free from Pain, can uſe her Arm, can hear very

very well, and is able to read middling Print with the Eye that was near blind.

I declare the above to be my Caſe.

As Witneſs my Hand,

Charity Bull.

The ſaid Charity Bull *acknowledg'd every Particular herein mentioned, and her Hand Writing at the End, in our Preſence this Day.*

J. Taſwell, Vicar of *Chewton-Mendip.*

Tho. Green,
Will. Hippiſley, } *Church Wardens.*

CASE VII.

ANGEL *Chappell*, of *Wells* in the County of *Somerſet*, Widow, about two Years paſt was violently ſeized with the *Rheumatiſm* (as ſuppoſed.) She applied to People in the Way of Phyſick, and was under their Direction all that Time, but found no Relief. On *Eaſter Sunday* laſt ſhe began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Drinking and Bathing,

continued Seven *Sundays*, and alſo uſed it at Home every Day. It purg'd her much. In about five Weeks ſhe began to find Eaſe, grew daily better, till entirely free from Pain, and is now very well.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 3d of *June* 1751. *Angel Chappell.*

CASE VIII.

JOHN the Son of *Thomas Norman*, of *Yeovil* in the County of *Somerſet*, about 16 Years old, had a Strain in his Right Ancle about two Years ago, which was a little relieved by a Surgeon. About three Months ſince, he was taken in the ſame Ancle in ſo violent a Manner, that he could not put his Foot to the Ground; he was in extreme Pain, could not ſleep, crying frequently in the Night; till ſix Weeks ago he went to *Glaſtonbury*, where

where he began to uſe the Water by Bathing and Drinking, and ſo continued every *Sunday*. He was eaſier within a Week, and is now free from Pain, except when he walks.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 2d of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *John* + *Norman.*

This John Norman *is my Son, and I declare the above Account to be true; as witneſs my Hand.*

The Mark of Thomas + Norman.

Signed and declared in the Preſence of

John Pearce, *Serge-maker, in* Culleton, Devon.

CASE IX.

GEORGE *Holder*, a Farmer, of *Long Aſhton* in the County of *Somerſet*, about three Years paſt hath had the *Rheumatiſm*; but about ſix Weeks before *Chriſtmas* laſt, by work-

ing in very rainy Weather, it increaſed ſo much, that he could not move Hand or Foot, and was confined to his Bed 13 or 14 Weeks. He came to *Glaſtonbury* about ſix Weeks ago, incapable of helping himſelf either as to Food or Apparel, hath conſtantly uſed the Water, and is now ſo much altered, that he hopes to go Home next *Sunday* on Foot.

The above is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 28th of *May* 1751.

The Mark of *George* + *Holder*.

Mr. George Fear, *of* Bath, *declared he hath known the above* George Holder *many Years, who ſigned and declared this his Caſe to be true, in the Preſence of him and his Wife.*

CASE X.

William Belcher, of *New-ſtreet*, outſide *Lawpres-Gate*, *Briſtol*, Broad-Weaver, hath more than 10 Years

Years paſt been afflicted with a Sort of a *Dropſy*; he ſwelled greatly in his Stomach and Bowels, and was often in extreme Agonies; hath been under the Care of Surgeons and Apothecaries, but found no Relief. On *Sunday* the 5th of *May* laſt, he began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER by Drinking and Waſhing, and hath drank it almoſt every Day ſince: Of which Diſorder he believes himſelf perfectly healed, having not the leaſt Appearance of a Swelling, and a Fortnight paſt entirely free from Pain.

This is a true Account of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 1ſt of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *William* + *Belcher*.

Sworn before me
Samuel Hill.

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CASE XI.

HONOR the Wife of *Charles Powel*, of *Minehead* in the County of *Somerſet*, Weaver, about four Years paſt was afflicted with a bloody Cancer in her Left Hand, was under the Care of a Surgeon, who, a Quarter of a Year ago, told her he muſt cut off her Hand, which ſhe abſolutely refuſed. That on *Sunday* the 12th of *May* laſt, ſhe began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Bathing and Drinking; ſhe found Relief within a Week, is now perfectly healed, and entirely free from Pain; but intends to tarry out the Seven *Sundays*.

This is a true Account of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 2d of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Honor* + *Powel*.

Signed in the Preſence of John Peare.

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CASE XII.

Elizabeth the Wife of *David Moggridge*, of *Minehead* in the County of *Somerſet*, Taylor, was about four Years paſt afflicted with a Swelling in her Left Leg and Hip, had at one Time 15 Holes in her Leg, and nine in her Thigh within a Fortnight of her being taken ill; ſhe was under the Care of a Surgeon, who heal'd all the Sores except one in her Leg, where was a continual Running till ſhe came to *Glaſtonbury*, (this being the fourth *Sunday*) where ſhe hath conſtantly Drank and Bath'd. She was better the firſt Week, is now intirely free from Pain, and believes herſelf compleatly cur'd, for that all her Wounds are now perfectly dry and well.

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This is a true Account of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 2d of *June* 1751.

Elizabeth Moggridge.

Sign'd and declar'd in the Preſence of,
Ja. Wade, *of Briſtol.*

CASE XIII.

GEorge *Spurlock*, of *Eaſt Wells* in the County of *Somerſet*, Yeoman, was about a Year paſt afflicted with the *Rheumatiſm* in his Right Arm, and entirely loſt the Hearing of his Left Ear, having us'd Means without Advantage. About nine Weeks ago he began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Drinking it, and Dropping ſome into his Ears; he follow'd it ſeven *Sundays*; he hath tried both Ears by Stoppage, and his Watch, and believes he can now hear with both alike. He thinks himſelf alſo reſtor'd to the Uſe of

of his Right Arm, for that he is not only able to do his common Buſineſs, but even to ſling a Stone.

This is a true Account of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 2d of *June* 1751.

George Spurlock.

CASE XIV.

MARY the Wife of *Charles Payne*, of the Pariſh of *Chewton-Mendip* in the County of *Somerſet*, Butcher, now about 42 Years old, was about four Weeks before *Chriſtmas* laſt taken ill; ſhe purged and flooded violently for about a Month, which continued on her with exceſſive Pain, and with little or no Intermiſſion, till it brought her ſo very low and weak, that ſhe kept her Bed about 16 Weeks, by which ſhe was emaciated to the laſt Degree, and it was ſtill believed that

every Day would be her laſt. About *Chriſtmas* ſhe got a violent Cough, and between-whiles vomitted up what ſeemed a Mixture of Blood and Phlegm, and was near ready to faint after every Fit of Coughing; this Branch of her Diſorder proceeded thus till about *Lady-day*, when ſhe was like to be ſuffocated, till ſhe vomited up a very large Quantity of Blood and Phlegm, or Corruption, which People thought an Impoſthume, and that relieved her breathing, but left her as weak as poſſible; and her Loſſes by Flooding, and her Pains ſtill alſo continued as mentioned above, till almoſt dead; ſhe was adviſed to try the *Glaſtonbury* Water. It was brought to her Houſe on a *Sunday* Morning, about eight Weeks ago, and drank of it, and continued to drink it every Day for the firſt Week, but it affected her Breathing, till ſhe chang'd her Method, and only drank it on *Sundays*. Within 24 Hours of her firſt

Drinking

Drinking it, ſhe brought off certain coagulated Pieces that were ſurprizingly long and large. After the fourth *Sunday's* drinking of the Water, all her Diſcharges and Pains waſted, and ſhe mended unaccountably faſt, and the *Monday* after her ſix *Sundays* Draught, ſhe walked above a hundred Paces from her own Houſe, and back again in good Spirits, and every way well.

This is a true Account of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 10th of *June* 1751.

Mary Payne.

The ſaid Mary Payne *acknowledged every Particular here mentioned in our Preſence,*

J. Taſwell, Vicar of *Chewton-Mendip.*

Will. Hippiſley, } *Church Wardens.*
Tho. Green, }

CASE XV.

THomas *Whittington*, of St *Auſtin*'s Pariſh in the City of *Briſtol*, Hooper, about ſix Months ago had the Misfortune to cut ſome of the Tendons of his Right Hand with a Glaſs Window; on which he immediately applied to an eminent Surgeon, who in about two Months after healed it up, when he was free from Pain, but did not recover the Uſe of his Hand, nor could uſe it at all, ſo he thought it entirely loſt. About eight Weeks ago he began to uſe the WATER at *Glaſtonbury* by Bathing and Drinking; about a Week after he found Relief, mended daily, hath now the Uſe of his Hand, tho' not perfectly, yet ſo as to be able to do a conſiderable Part of his Buſineſs, and hopes (from this great Amendment) of being as well as ever.

This

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 11th of *June* 1751.

Thomas Whittington.

Witneſſes,

Daniel Drake, Sadler.

Thomas Sheward, a next Door Neighbour.

CASE XVI.

MARY the Wife of *William Finner*, of *Chewton Stoke* in the County of *Somerſet*, Yeoman, about 64 Years old, about ten Years paſt was taken ill of a *Fever*, which confin'd her to her Bed about three Weeks, when it pitcht in her Left Hip, which ſwell'd much, as did alſo both her Legs, which caus'd extreme Pain the greateſt Part of her Time, but hardly ever free from Pain an Hour together; was forced to creep up and down Stairs and about the Houſe: About ſeven Weeks paſt ſhe began to drink the *Glaſtonbury*

Glaſtonbury WATER at Home, and on *Sundays* only continued it ever ſince; within a Week of firſt Drinking it ſhe found Relief, has been daily better ſince, is now quite free from Pain, and thinks herſelf well, except a little Lame.

This a true State of my Caſe, as Witneſs my Hand this 11th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Mary* + *Finner.*

We whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcrib'd, have liv'd next Neighbours to this Mary Finner *ſince* Lady-day *laſt, and from what we have known of her extreme Weakneſs from that Time, have Reaſon to believe her Caſe thus ſtated to be true; that we ſaw her ſign it, and acknowledge every Particular therein contain'd.*

Witneſs our Hands,

Mary Caſtelman, ſen.
Mary Caſtelman, jun.

I believe this to be true.

John White, *the only Church Warden.*

The Miniſter was not at Home.

N. B. *The above-mention'd* Mary Finner *found no Relief or Abatement of her Pain,*

till

till the Thurſday after ſhe drank the firſt Half Pint of Water, and that Water had been in her Cuſtody ſeven Days.

CASE XVII.

ANN the Daughter of *Hannah Langridge*, of *Henton Bluet* in the County of *Somerſet*, in the 15th Year of her Age, hath for about a Year paſt been afflicted with a hard Swelling in the fore Part of her Neck, over the Wind-pipe, at firſt Appearance about the Size of a Hazel Nut, which gradually increas'd about nine Months to the Size of a large Hen's Egg. It was ſuppos'd by a Surgeon to be a *Wen*, who therefore thought he could do nothing for her without taking it out, which he did not chooſe to venture to do, it being in ſo tender a Place, from the apparent Danger of a fatal Conſequence. It caus'd great Pain, was hot, and even fiery at Times for three or four Days together; ſhe began

began to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by drinking a Glaſs full every Morning, and daily waſhing the *Wen* at Home only; within a Week ſhe was free from Pain; about three Weeks after, the *Wen* began to grow better, and is now ſo well that ſhe is entirely free from Pain; hath had none ſince the firſt Appearance of Amendment, and it can hardly be diſcern'd that there was ever ſuch Thing in her Neck.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 11th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Ann* + *Langridge.*

I know this to be true.
The Mark of *Samuel* + *Gibbons.*

This Girl acknowledged this in our Preſence.
Maurice Smith, *Rector of* Henton Bluet.

The Mark of *James* + *Carter,*
the only Church Warden.

CASE

CASE XVIII.

Bleſſing the Wife of *Joſeph Giles*, of *Fruſhford* in the County of *Somerſet*, Shoe-maker, hath, about three Years paſt, been afflicted with an *Ague* and *Fever*, which pitcht in her Left Leg, ſwell'd exceſſively, and cauſed Loſs of Appetite, Weakneſs, and great Pain; it broke about nine Months paſt; ſhe us'd Things from Surgeons and Apothecaries, but found no Benefit. About a Month paſt ſhe began (at Home only) to uſe the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Drinking, and Waſhing her Leg every Day: She found herſelf better within a Week, daily grows better, is ſtrong, hearty and chearful, and doubts not of being quite well in a few Days.

This is a true State of my Caſe;

as witneſs my Hand this 5th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Bleſſing* + *Giles.*

Signed and declared in the Preſence of
John Silby.

CASE XIX.

Alexander Mackoon, now in the Poor-houſe in *Eaſt-Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, about 80 Years old, hath, for about 30 Years paſt, been afflicted with *Deafneſs*, which was occaſioned by a Cold, but a little recovered, till about 12 Years paſt, when he was ſeized with ſuch a Deafneſs, that he could hear neither Clock nor Bell; and the Houſekeeper was obliged to hold his Mouth to *Mackoon*'s Ear, to make him underſtand any Thing, and even then with great Difficulty, being obliged often to repeat twice or three Times. About ſeven Weeks paſt he began to uſe the

WATER at *Glaſtonbury*, by Drinking, conſtantly keeping wet Wool in his Ears, and often dropping Water into them. He began to mend about three Weeks paſt, was daily better, can now hear not only Clock or Bell, but what People ſay to him in the common Way of Diſcourſe; and allowing for his Age, he thinks he can hear as well as ever in his Life.

This is a true State of my Caſe, as witneſs my Hand this 9th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Alexander* + *Mackoon.*

I know this to be true; as witneſs my Hand.

John Willmott, *Houſekeeper.*

Wells *City* or *Borough.* } *Sworn before me* John Long, *Mayor.*

CASE XX.

ELizabeth the Wife of *Mathew Lancaſter*, of *Wells* in the County of *Somerſet*, Maſon, hath for more than 17 Years paſt, been afflicted with ſore

Legs, which were greatly ſwelled, had more than 20 Holes, which cauſed great Pain almoſt continually. She was under the Care of a Surgeon more than ſeven Years, without any Benefit. About five Weeks ago ſhe began to uſe the WATER at *Glaſtonbury*, by Drinking and Bathing; and continued the Uſe of it daily; within a Week ſhe found herſelf better, hath mended daily, all the Holes in both her Legs are now quite healed, hath been free from Pain a Week paſt, wherefore believes herſelf cur'd.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 9th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Elizabeth* + *Lancaſter*.

I know my Wife's Caſe to be as thus deſcribed, as witneſs my Hand.

The Mark of *Mathew* + *Lancaſter*.

Signed and declared in the Preſence of
Rachel Lovel.

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CASE XXI.

ISabella *Harris*, of *Great Taller*, ſix Miles from *Burford* in the County of *Dorſet*, about 20 Years old; had the *Small Pox* about a Year and nine Months ago; after which ſhe got a Cold in her Loins. It was the Opinion of ſeveral Phyſicians (from whom ſhe had no Benefit) that ſhe had the Gravel in her Kidneys, for that ſhe walked with a Stick in one Hand, reſting the other on her Knee, ſtooping or leaning forward, exceſſively and continually in great Pain: On the 4th of *May* laſt, ſhe began to drink the WATER at *Glaſtonbury*, which ſhe daily continued; ſhe never uſed the Stick after the firſt Week, grew better daily, walks now with a very ſmall leaning, and doubts not of a perfect Cure.

This

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 9th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Iſabella* + *Harris.*

Signed and declared in the Preſence of

William March, *of* Eaſt Pennard *in* Somerſetſhire.

Ann Silcot, *of* Row Banton *near* Taunton *in* Somerſetſhire.

William Guppel.

CASE XXII.

ANN *Brice*, of the City of *Wells*, Widow, about *Chriſtmas* laſt was afflicted with a *Swelling* in both her Legs, which cauſed exceſſive Pain. On *Eaſter Sunday* laſt ſhe began to uſe the WATER at *Glaſtonbury*, by Drinking and Waſhing. It was three Weeks after the firſt Uſe of it, till ſhe could find any Benefit, after which ſhe

ſhe mended daily, and is now very well.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 8th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Ann* + *Brice.*

The ſaid Ann Brice *acknowledged this before the Reverend Mr.* Payne, *one of the Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of* Wells.

N. B. *She lives within that Liberty.*

CASE XXIII.

JOHN *Compton*, of *Shepton Mallet* in the County of *Somerſet*, Clothier, hath for ten Years paſt been afflicted with a ſtrong *Scorbutick Humour*, which appear'd in more than a hundred Scabs (or the like) in both his Arms, and occaſioned great Pain at Times; he had alſo a Pain in his Knee, which he thought *Rheumatick.* On *Eaſter Sunday* he began to uſe the Water

Water at *Glaſtonbury*, continued it conſtantly at Home by Waſhing and Drinking: He began to mend the firſt Week, grew better daily; but after the fifth *Sunday* a vaſt Number of Boils near as large as a Nutmeg, appear'd in his Arms, which ſoon dropt away, and is now perfectly clean and well as ever in his Life.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 8th of *June* 1751.

John Compton.

CASE XXIV.

Hannah the Wife of *John Tucker*, of *Bradford* in the County of *Wilts*, Scribler, about 30 Years old, hath about a Year paſt been afflicted with a ſtrong Humour in her Neck, which roſe in two Places; both Places broke and runn'd continually; ſhe applied to an Apothecary, who at firſt thought

thought them *Wens*, but they have ſince appeared to be the *King's Evil*: Laſt *Sunday* was the third of her uſing the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, by Drinking and Waſhing only at Home, but uſed it every Day by Waſhing three or four Times and Drinking; ſhe found herſelf better the firſt Week, daily grows better, and her Pain abates, ſo as ſhe Hopes to be well ſoon.

This is a true Account of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 5th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Hannah* + *Tucker*.

Sign'd and declar'd in the Preſence of,
John Lewey, *a very near Neighbour.*

CASE XXV.

THOMAS *Bartlett*, of *Eaſt Chinnock* near *Yeovil* in the County of *Somerſet*, Yeoman, about 36 Years old, hath for 15 Years paſt been grie-

vouſly afflicted with a ſtrong white *Leproſy* all over his Body; hath applied to ſeveral eminent Phyſicians, one of whom directed him to waſh his Body five Times a Day with white Hellebor, which occaſioned Smarts almoſt to a Torture, and had like to have turn'd his Brain. He deſir'd to undergo a Salivation, chooſing rather even to die than live in ſuch Miſery. On the 4th of *May* laſt he began to drink the WATER at *Glaſtonbury*, and uſed it daily by Drinking and Waſhing; within a Week he found Relief, has ſince been daily better, and is now perfectly clean and well.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 9th of *June* 1751.

Thomas Bartlett.

Signed and declared in the Preſence of

Dinah Powell, *of* Briſtol.
William March.
Ann Sillcott.
William Guppel.

N. B.

N. B. *This Mr.* Bartlett *would have ſworn to the Truth of, but as it muſt have been done before a Magiſtrate of* Glaſtonbury, *it was not conſiſtent with my firſt Intention,* viz. *That no Perſon of that Place ſhould have any Thing to do in theſe Accounts; and as I took this Caſe in a Coffee Houſe, in the Preſence of many whom I never ſaw before, I deſir'd the above four Witneſſes, who appear'd unexceptionable, to atteſt it, who, when they ſaw his Skin, were fully ſatisfied of the Truth of it, and live at a great Diſtance from each other: And I am credibly inform'd that Mrs.* Powel *lives in St.* James's *Pariſh in* Briſtol, *and of ſome Thouſands in Fortune.*

CASE XXVI.

Daniel Packer, of *Durham* in the County of *Glouceſter*, Husbandman, hath about 20 Years paſt been afflicted with a very large *Swelling* in his Right Leg, had ſix Holes in it at one Time, which frequently occaſioned exceſſive Pain, particularly in the Night-Time; hath been under the Care of ſeveral Surgeons and Apothecaries,

thecaries, but found no Benefit. About a Month ago he went to *Glaſtonbury*, Drank and Bathed in the Water there four ſeveral *Sundays*, and conſtantly uſed the Water at Home, by Drinking and Waſhing; within a Week he found Relief, hath been ſince daily better, entirely free from Pain about a Week, hath now no Hole in that Leg, and believes himſelf perfectly cur'd; but nevertheleſs intends to attend at *Glaſtonbury* till the Seven *Sundays* are expired.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 8th of *June* 1751.

The Mark of *Daniel* + *Packer*.

Wells *City* or *Borough*. } *Sworn before me*

John Long, *Mayor*.

GREAT and MARVELLOUS are thy Works, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY; *juſt and true are thy Ways, thou* KING *of* SAINTS. Revelations xv. 3.

APPENDIX.

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The following is a genuine Copy of a Letter wrote by an ingenious and worthy Clergyman, to a Friend; which we have procured, to give our Readers ſome Account that may be depended on, of the real Efficacy *of the* WATERS *at GLASTONBURY; and we can aſſure our Readers, that it was wrote by a Perſon no ways intereſted in the Affair, nor no ways ſubject to be impoſed upon; and it is inſerted here without any Conſideration of Intereſt, and without any Application.*

SIR,

IN Conſequence of my Journey to *Glaſtonbury*, I write you this, agreeable to my Promiſe, concerning the

the new diſcovered WATERS there; which are now growing high in Fame, and ſo much reſorted to, that *Sunday* laſt, at Four o'Clock in the Morning, I could not approach the Spring nearer than the Diſtance of about ten Yards: There was ſuch a Multitude of Horſe and Foot ſurrounding the Spout of Water, going to, and coming from it, that to aſcertain their Number would be extremely difficult, and to recount it, a ſeeming Affront to Probability. If at this Spring (as anciently at the Pool of *Bethesda*) the firſt only who came to the Water could be healed, many, perhaps, might be murdered, before one could be cured: However, after ſome waiting, a Glaſs of this Water was delivered to me, not differing in Colour, and but little in Taſte, from common Water: This, I immediately reflected, can have no peculiar Virtue to effect ſuch *wonderful Cures*; it muſt be all Sham and Deluſion; but obſerving for ſome Time,

Time, the Numbers attracted by it, and the Eagerneſs with which every one drank of it, as of the Fountain of *Life*, I conſidered that all could not ſurely be embracing Clouds only for Weeks together, and that there might be ſome real Foundation in Truth for all this; therefore determined to examine it to the Bottom, by tracing the Stream to its Origin; and in this retrograde Enquiry, I found that the Water flowed open and above Ground in a Channel, about half a Mile from its viſible Head, a Well called the *Bloody Well*, which ariſes from the Foot of the lofty *Torr*: The Water in this Well taſted of a Mineral; which, on Trial, ſeem'd to have ſomething of Allum, and nothing of Steel in it: But the Diſcovery of its Compoſition and Qualities muſt be left to the Chymical Examination of the Sons of *Eſculapius*, who at preſent ſpeak of it with great Deriſion, tho' divided in their Opinion of it, and

perhaps

perhaps will never ſo agree in Sentiment, as to recommend it to their Patients inſtead of Drugs.

Though the Inhabitants of *Glaſtonbury* proclaim not indeed their Waters, as the *Epheſians* of old did their *Diana*, yet marvellous is the Account of their Virtues from different People you there meet with; the *Lame* walk, the *Blind* ſee, the *Lepers* are cleanſed, and all Diſeaſes are, as it were, inſtantaneouſly cured: But as in this Age we have no Reaſon to expect, or Ground to hope for ſuch *extraordinary Favours* from HEAVEN, I ſhall leave ſuch Legendary Stuff to the ſuperſtitious Vulgar, and Report to you only what I have myſelf ſeen, and have rational Evidence for:

Matthew Chancellor, to whom the Viſionary Direction was given to drink of this Water, one Glaſs ſeven *Sunday* Mornings, was accordingly cured of an *Aſthma*; under which Diſorder he had

had laboured many Years: This he is ready to depoſe on Oath, or confirm by Sacrament: He is generally preſent every *Sunday* Morning at the Spring, active in recommending the Waters, and full of Praiſes and grateful Acknowledgments to God for the great Bleſſing he has received from them.

Mrs. *Fuſſel*, who lives in Credit near the Water, aſſured me, and a Gentleman with me, (who knew her in her Illneſs) that by drinking a Glaſs of this Water ſeven *Sunday* Mornings, and at no other Time, ſhe was alſo perfectly cured of an *Aſthma*; which ſhe was afflicted with for twelve Years to ſuch a Degree, that ſhe was unable to walk, and often breath'd with ſuch Difficulty, that ſhe was ſometimes carried without Door for Life: She is about Fifty Years of Age, and now enjoys ſound Health.

Mary Bennet, of *Street*, about 18 Years old, has drank of this Water four *Sunday* Mornings only, for a moſt violent *Leproſy*, from her Birth, which ſeems to be almoſt rooted out; the Branches are fallen, the white Scales are already gone off, her Skin is ſmooth, and nothing to be ſeen on it but red Spots: She has, after ſo happy a Beginning, very reaſonable Hopes of being abſolutely cleanſed from this naſty Diſeaſe, for which ſhe was two Years at the *Bath* to no Purpoſe.

Mrs. *Hacker*, of *Somerton*, who has for ſeven Years had a Cancerous Humour in her Tongue, declared to me in ſerious Truth, that from the ſecond *Sunday* of her drinking the Water, ſhe has felt no Pain, Shootings, nor has any Complaint in her Tongue, or any Part near it; which uſually happened, when any Thing was applied to repel the Humour: The Surgeons have in this Caſe been often conſulted, without much

much Benefit. There is a Scurff ſtill remaining on her Tongue, which ſhe is in great Hopes will be quite carried off with the Diſorder, when the Courſe of the ſeven Times drinking is finiſhed, five only being paſt; as many others are of being freed from their various Ailments, who drink the Water in this Manner, only a Glaſs on *Sunday* Morning, for ſeven ſucceſſive *Sundays*.

This Circumſtance I think is of a very particular and extraordinary Kind, and vaſtly beyond the common Courſe of Nature, or Power of Alteratives. If, then, ſo ſmall a Quantity of Water as ſeven Glaſſes, taken in ſeven Weeks, have cured, and ſhould continue to cure, Diſeaſes grown obſtinate by Length of Time, may it not without the Imputation of Credulity or Enthuſiaſm be aſcribed to ſomething ſupernatural? The drinking this Water on *Sunday* Mornings only, was at firſt

very exactly adher'd to, and is the Method now uſually obſerved by the Populace; but there are many Perſons now reſiding at *Glaſtonbury*, who uſe the Waters every Day. I ſaw one *Betty Durſton*, of *Brent*, a Girl of about Fifteen, who being for ſome Years unable to move her Back, Legs, &c. by drinking and bathing in the Water every Day for three Weeks, can now raiſe herſelf from her Chair, and ſtand upright: There is an Inſtance of great Relief in a paralitical Caſe; which you may communicate to Mr. ——, with my Compliments. One *Harding* of *Bridgewater*, whom I knew, was ſo weaken'd in his Nerves by a Stroke of the *Palſy* about three Years ſince, that he could not ſpeak intelligibly, or ſcarce walk at all: He has only drank the Water for four *Sundays*, and ſo far recovered the Uſe of his Tongue, as to talk without Muffling, and the Strength of his Legs, as to walk ſtoutly the Streets. It was reported

ported that a Man of *Wells*, or in that Neighbourhood, was cured of Blindneſs, and that a blind Boy of *Kingſdon*, could ſee a little, after twice drinking the Water: The latter, in my Way Home, I called on, but found him unable to diſtinguiſh any Objects, and abſolutely dark. The Waters, perhaps, in Time, may remove the Cauſe of his Blindneſs, which are two thick Films over his Eyes, that never before were in the leaſt affected by the Meridian Fierceneſs of the Sun, but now cannot bear at any Time its Shining: Theſe Films appear ragged, which were before ſmooth, and are probably growing thinner, and waſting away. The Father of this Lad has, by drinking and waſhing his Leg in this Water about 10 Days, reduced a hard Swelling in his Ancle, the Conſequence of a *Fever* laſt *Auguſt*, and can now move the Joint freely, which was before immoveable.

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Theſe are a few Inſtances of the *great Efficacy* of theſe WATERS: They will, I hope, happily effect the Cure of the many Diſtempers for which they are now drank, and continue to retain their Virtue for the Good of Mankind, and the Revival of old decay'd *Glaſtonbury*. Four or five Weeks will, I preſume, determine the Fate of this WATER, (the Generality being in the Midſt of the Seven *Sundays* Drinking) whether it will be deſervedly entitled to the Eſteem of the *Learned* and *Wiſe*, or fall, with the late celebrated *Tar-Water*, into Neglect, and give Way to ſomething more *New*.

I am,

SIR,

April 23, 1751.

Your humble Servant.

SARAH the Wife of *Edward Poole*, alias *Powell*, born at *Tedbury* in the County of *Glouceſter*, but now an Inhabitant of *Landoylow* in *Carmarthenſhire*, *South Wales*; about a Year and Quarter paſt, after being delivered of a dead Child, was taken of a *Cancerous Humour* in her Right Breaſt, which fell in her Right Hip and Leg; it was ſix Weeks poultiſing: She was under the Care of ſeveral eminent Surgeons, who treated her with the utmoſt Tenderneſs and Compaſſion. In *April* laſt ſhe was recommended to the Infirmary at *Briſtol* by Mr. Sheriff *Durben*; after which, on hearing of the *Glaſtonbury* WATER, ſhe was convey'd thither in extreme Miſery and Torture, where ſhe arriv'd on *Saturday* the 27th of *April*; her Leg ſeem'd to mortify, and ſtunk to that Degree, as a Woman who lodged in the ſame Room with her, was (by the

the offenſive Smell) obliged to leave the Room at One o'Clock in the Morning. She was aſſiſted to the Water on *Sunday* Morning about Eight o'Clock, when her Leg was put into the Ciſtern, or Place that holds the Water, and while the Shoot was running on the Swelling on the Inſide her Right Hip, in about three Minutes the Swelling broke, from which came much Corruption, the Smell whereof offended and greatly ſurpriz'd many there, which eas'd her to that Degree, that ſhe was able to walk to her Lodging only by reſting on a Man's Arm. She hath daily us'd that Water by Drinking and Bathing, and finds herſelf ſo well recover'd, as to be able to walk even without a Stick, whereas before ſhe could not without a Crutch and Stick, which Crutch is now fix'd over the Healing Water. She is now perfectly hearty and chearful, and in Hopes of being as well as ever, her Wounds being all but three heal'd,

and

and neither of them broader than Six-pence.

This is a true State of my Caſe; as witneſs my Hand this 29th of *May* 1751.

The Mark of *Sarah* + *Poole*, alias *Powell.*

This ſhe would have ſworn, which I refus'd for the Reaſon already given in the *Leproſy* Caſe.

N. B. But as I was at *Glaſtonbury* again the *Sunday* following, and ſeeing many reputable People gather'd about this Woman near the Healing Water, aſking her Queſtions, I obſerv'd, that I would read her Caſe to them, as I took it from her own Mouth the *Wedneſday* before; and as it was neither ſworn to, or atteſted, deſir'd they would obſerve whether ſhe would own every Particular, and they atteſt it, which they readily agreed to.

Sunday, June 2, 1751.

We whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, heard the aforeſaid *Sarah Poole*, alias *Powell*, acknowledge every Particular herein contain'd.

Joſ. Larrance, of *Axbridge* in *Somerſet*.
The Mark of *Edward* + *Edney*, of *Woodborough-Green* near *Axbridge*.
George Beacham, of the ſame Place.

N. B. She then told me, that two of thoſe three Places in her Leg, mentioned no broader than Six-pence, was then much better.

As there hath been different Reports about this Woman's Caſe, I waited on Mr. *Durben* at *Briſtol*, who, ſhe ſaid, recommended her to that Hoſpital, that I might know the Truth; who according to his known good-natur'd Diſpoſition, very freely told me, he could not remember ſuch a Woman, from the many Applications he had, but it might be be true, and gave me Leave to make uſe of his Name.

Name. I was alſo at the Infirmary at *Briſtol*, and ſaw the Book, and in it as follows, *viz.* " *Sarah Poole*, *Tem-*
" *ple* Pariſh, recommended by *John*
" *Durben*, Eſq; enter'd an Out-Pati-
" ent *April* 22*d* laſt, Scorbutick Ul-
" cers in her Leg, ſuſpected of the
" Itch, wherefore not admitted into
" the Houſe. She had proper Things
" only once, and thoſe the Day ſhe
" came, and never came after. She
" was order'd under the Care of Dr.
" *Cadogan*, and Mr. *Ford* as Surgeon."

MAtthew *Chancellor*, of the Pariſh of *North Wooton*, three Miles North Eaſt of *Glaſtonbury* in the County of *Somerſet*, Yeoman, doth hereby declare, that he hath made Oath before one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, That about the Middle of *October* laſt, he had a violent Fit of the *Aſthma* in the Night-Time; after which he fell on Sleep, and dream'd he was ſome Way above

Chain-Gate, in the Road above the Wall of *Glaſtonbury Abbey-Gate*, where he ſaw ſome of the fineſt of Water in the Horſe-track; when he imagined he kneeled immediately, and drank ſome of it; and as ſoon as he was rais'd again on his Legs, there was ſeemingly a Perſon ſtood by him, pointing with his Finger, and ſaying, *Take you a clean Glaſs, and drink you of this Water, a Glaſs full Seven* Sundays *following in the Morning faſting, and you will find a perfect Cure of your Diſorder.* He ask'd, Why Seven *Sundays* in the Morning? He ſaid, The World was made in ſix Days, and on the Seventh God Almighty reſted from his Labour, and bleſſed it above all other Days. Moreover, he ſaid, Where this Water deſcends from, is holy Ground, where a vaſt Number of Saints and Martyrs have been buried; when he added ſomething concerning the Baptiſm of the ever Bleſſed Jesus in the River *Jordan*. He

is not certain whether it was *Wedneſday* or *Thurſday* Night he thus dreamed; but the *Sunday* following he went to *Glaſtonbury*, and took a clean Glaſs, went to the Shoot, dipt the Glaſs into the Shoot three ſeveral Times, drank to the Value of half a Noggin, and returned God Thanks; and ſo continued every *Sunday* till the Seven *Sundays* were expired: From which Time he thought himſelf perfectly cured of that Diſorder, which he laboured under more than 30 Years.

This is a true Account of my Caſe; and the Subſtance or Meaning of what I have made Affidavit to; as witneſs my Hand this 2d of *June* 1751.

Matthew Chancellor.

I have known *Matthew Chancellor*, of the Pariſh of *Wooton*, near *Wells*, 30 Years, and have no Reaſon to doubt his Veracity in what he aſſerts

as

as to the Benefit he has received by the *Glaſtonbury* WATER.

Tho. Blenman.

N. B. This Gentleman is a Practitioner in Phyſick near *Wells*, is well known there, and I never heard that his Veracity was ever queſtion'd.

As the innumerable Crowds of People of various Circumſtances who have lately reſorted, and continue to reſort to *Glaſtonbury*, have been occaſioned by the above Dream, and as the Dreamer's Character hath been repreſented to a very great Diſadvantage, I made it my Buſineſs to watch an Opportunity of a Quarter of an Hour's Converſation with him, which I obtained on *Sunday* the 2d of *June*, when I not only dined, but was with him near three Hours. As I have but little Notion of Dreamers, ſo I have leſs of medling with Peoples Characters, unleſs to their Advantage. I was as particular as poſſible in my Obſervations

ſervations and Queſtions, that I might be able to furniſh the Publick with a true and impartial Account. I ask'd him what Religion he profeſſed? He ſaid the Church of *England*, adding, he was baptized, educated, and hath trained up his Family in it. I ask'd him whether he had any Notion of the ſuperſtitious Obſervations made on the Water, by riſing from the Bones of the Saints, &c. as his Dream ſeemed to ſuggeſt? He could not but ſay, that as his Experience in his Recovery, which he would declare were he in his laſt Moments, was verified in every Thing the next *Sunday*, which he imagined in his Dream, and recovered accordingly, after the Seven *Sundays* drinking, for which he could never be ſufficiently thankful, he could not but ſeem to ſuppoſe that might be, as well as what he had really experienced. I ask'd him many other Queſtions, too tedious here to mention, and in different Words; and muſt declare,

clare, that I could not diſcover any Self-Contradiction in the whole Converſation, any Thing in him artful or deſigning, or the leaſt Symptom from his Breath, to diſpute the Reality of his Cure. I think he told me he was about Sixty Years old, hath about Forty Pounds a Year Eſtate of his own, on which he hath, with ſome Difficulty, trained up ſix Children And as to the Calumny rais'd on him of his dreaming of this Water's Efficacy on a *Sunday* only, becauſe his Circumſtances were ſuch, that he could not appear on any other Day, I am very credibly informed (not by *Glaſtonbury* People) to be without Foundation, and his Character more agreeable to the Rules of Morality, than theirs who have taken Liberties with it, can poſſibly be to that Charity which is the very Characteriſtick of, and ought to be inſeparable from a Chriſtian.

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